



ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – PR & RD Department – Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Vuriti Ramu, formerly Accounts Officer, Office of the Project Director, DRDA., Eluru, West Godavari District – Trapped on 26.05.2008 – Sanction of Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT [Vig.IV] DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 312 ,

Dated: 22-10-2009.

ORDER :-

1. Whereas, Sri Vuriti Ramu worked as Accounts Officer, Office of the Project Director, D.R.D.A., Eluru, West Godavari District from 29.11.2007 to 26.05.2008 and as such, he is a public servant within the meaning of section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. (Act 49 of 1988)
2. And whereas, Sri Tamada Lakshmana Rao S/o Peddi Raju is a resident of Pathe Bada, Eluru, West Godavari District.
3. And Whereas, it is alleged that Sri Tamada Lakshmana Rao worked in Computer Electrification and Furniture Section in TL Narasimha Works, Eluru. He was also a registered contractor and executed the works of installation of computer tables and electrification works at English Coaching Training Center, Satrampadu for DRDA and submitted his bill for Rs. 34,097/- during the month of April, 2008. On 18.05.2008 Sri Tamada Lakshmana Rao met Sri Vuriti Ramu, Accounts Officer, Office of the Project Director, DRDA., Eluru, West Godavari District and requested him to pass his pending bills. Sri Vurti Ramu informed him that the Project Director, DRDA was transferred and further stated that the bill would not sooner be passed if new Project Director assumes office charge. Then Sri Tamada Lakshmana Rao requested Sri Vuriti Ramu to get passed his bills by the former Project Director, as he executed the works during his tenure. Then, Sri Vuriti Ramu demanded to pay a bribe amount of Rs. 5,000/- and stated that then only he would pass his bills. When Sri T. Lakshmana Rao expressed his inability to pay the demanded bribe, Sri Vuriti Ramu sent him away. Sri Tamada Lakshmana Rao and Sri Vuriti Ramu talked each other on their cell phones on 18.05.2008 evening and 20.05.2008, but Sri Vuriti Ramu did not hear the request of Sri Tamada Lakshmana Rao and reiterated his earlier demand of bribe and threatened him that he would not issue the cheque until the bribe amount was paid. On 23.05.2008, Sri Tamada Lakshmana Rao met Sri Vuriti Ramu personally and requested him to pass his bills and expressed his inability to pay the huge amount as bribe. Then Sri Vuriti Ramu reduced his demand of the bribe amount from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 3,000/-. Sri Tamada Lakshmana Rao reluctantly agreed to pay the demanded bribe to Sri Vuriti Ramu. As Sri Tamada Lakshmana Rao was not willing to pay the demanded bribe to Sri Vuriti Ramu, he reported the matter to the DSP., ACB., Eluru Range with a request to take

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necessary action. After observing the formalities, a case in Cr. No. 10/RCT-EWG/2008 under sections 7, 13(1)(d) read with section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered against Sri Vuriti Ramu, Accounts Officer, Office of the Project Director, DRDA, Eluru, West Godavari District on 26.05.2008 at 13.00 hrs.

4. And Whereas, on 26.05.2008 at about 5.50 PM, Sri Vuriti Ramu, formerly Accounts Officer, Office of the Project Director, DRDA, Eluru, West Godavari District was trapped at his office when he demanded and accepted the tainted amount of Rs. 3,000/- to do official favour from T. Lakshmana Rao. The chemical test was also conducted on both hand fingers of Sri Vuriti Ramu. But the right hand fingers only yielded positive result. The tainted amount of Rs. 3,000/- was recovered from the left upper shirt packet of Sri Vuriti Ramu. The chemical test also conducted on the inner linings of the left upper shirt pocket of Sri Vuriti Ramu yielded positive result. The DSP., ACB., seized the tainted amount of Rs. 3,000/- shirt of Vuriti Ramu, cheque, connected documents, left over S.C. powder, and other connected material etc., and further investigated into the case.

5. And Whereas, the above said acts of Sri Vuriti Ramu, formerly Accounts Officer, Office of the Project Director, DRDA., West Godavari District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) read with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. And Whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Vuriti Ramu, formerly Accounts Officer, Office of the Project Director, DRDA., West Godavari District from Government service after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Sri Vuriti Ramu, formerly Accounts Officer, Office of the Project Director, DRDA., West Godavari District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the aforesaid offences.

7. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, (Act 49 of 1988) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri Vuriti Ramu, formerly Accounts Officer, Office of the Project Director, DRDA, West Godavari District for the aforesaid offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) read with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(M.V.P.C.SASTRY)
PRINCIPAL SECRETAR TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER